Visual notes BASICS

A zine for staff & students in Higher Education

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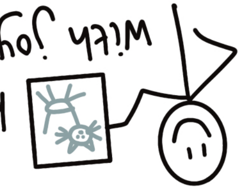
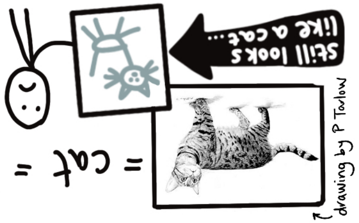
ISSUE ONE

Most little kids draw with joy & confidence



= cat = brilliant!

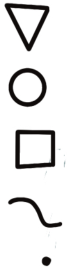
As we age, expectations change, we understand talents differ...


drawing by P Tarlow
Still looks like a cat...

= cat = brilliant

- I cannot draw...

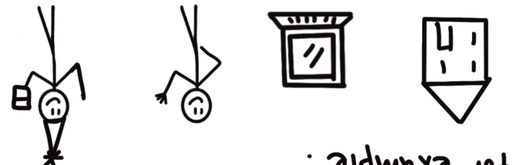
IF YOU CAN DRAW THESE SHAPES THEN YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED...



- dot
- line
- square
- circle
- triangle

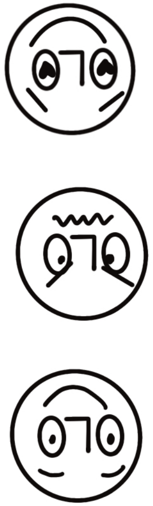
(Rohde 2012)

for example :

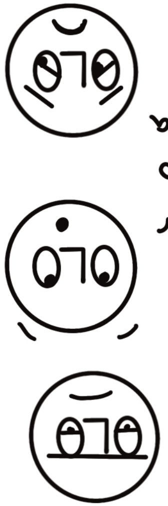


IDEAS NOT ART

OLO FACES



use an OLO as the basis of your face to convey a range of

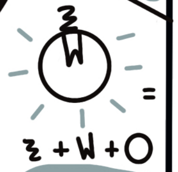


EXPRESSIONS

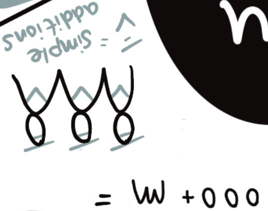
idea shared by @robblockwood thanks Robb!

You CAN draw

IDEA...



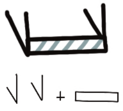
STUDENTS...



QUESTION...

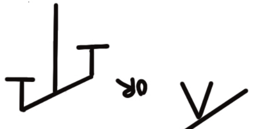
draw a question mark!

BARRIER...



WARNING...

BALANCE...



MAKE WORDS

POP!

vARY SIZE

MiX Lower & UPPER case

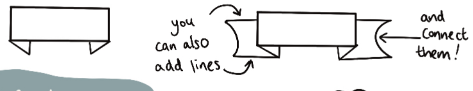
Shadow

use contrast colour on left/ bottom

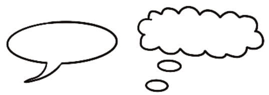
Outline

CONTAINERS

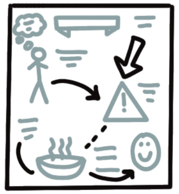
1. WRITE THE WORDS
2. DRAW A RECTANGLE AROUND THEM
3. ADD TRIANGLES BELOW



other containers



This is a connector



ARROWS & LINES help to structure and order your visual notes

Further Resources

- Mike Rohde (2012) The Sketchnote Handbook
- Resources available from www.bikablo.com
- Meetup Communities like @scotviz or @thevisualjam

Cat art on page 2 by PTarlowArt (available to purchase from etsy.com)

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